

Annual report of the Medical Officer of Health - 1945.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen.,

I beg to submit my annual report for the year 1945.

The general health of your District throughout the year was good and no serious outbreak of infectious disease was recorded. With the return of evacuees the infectious skin conditions have greatly fallen.

It will be seen that the birth rate is considerably above that for the country as a whole - this is particularly satisfactory in a Rural District such as yours.

General Statistics.

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Area (statute acres)	29,294
Registrar's estimate of population	1974
No. of inhabited houses	538
Rateable value	£4213
Product of penny rate	£17-0-7

Vital Statistics.

Forty five children were born during the year,
Live births, Males 24, Females 21.

England & Wales.

Birth rate per 1,000 population	22.8	16.1
Still birth	1	
Stil birth rate	22	0.46
Deaths, Males 13, Females 12, TOTAL	25	
Death rate	12.6	11.4
Deaths of Infants under one year	1	
No death was recorder from infectious causes.		

The chief causes of death were :

Cancer	1	
Diabetes	1	
Heart & blood vessels	9	
Diseases of lungs	2	
All other causes	11	TOTAL 24.

General provision of the health services remained as in previous years and appears to be satisfactory.

Infectious diseases notified :

Measles	-	12 cases
Pneumonia	-	2 "

Chicken pox and mumps occurred amongst the school children at North Petherwin, Ivy House and Werrington.

Diphtheria. No cases were notified. At the end of the year 38% of the children under 5 years and 74% of school children had been treated.

Tuberculosis. One fresh case of pulmonary disease was notified and four people remain on the register suffering from this condition.

Mr Judd your Sanitary Inspector has once again undertaken the section of this report which deals with the environmental services.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant

E.D.Allen-Price.

Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Mr Chairman & Gentlemen.,

Housing.

During the latter part of the year, the Council decided to purchase sites and prepare plans for the first two years building programme. As a result the following sites were approved by the Council :-

Ladycross	6 houses
St.Giles-in-the-Heath	6: "
Broadwood Village	4 "
Maxworthy	2 "

The water supply for Lady Cross will be a spring supply pumped to the Cottages by means of an automatic electric pump, the other sites will rely upon wells for their water supply.

Approval of sites has been received from the Ministries of Health and Town & Country Planning.

New Houses.

No new houses have been built during the year and no plans for new houses approved.

Work on converting a coach-house at Virginstow into a bungalow is in progress.

An agricultural building in St.Giles parish has been approved for converting into a Workman's Cottage under the Housing (Rural Workers) Act.

A temporary licence to occupy a converted Nissen Hut at Hollow Panson was granted by the Council to a homeless family.

Houses Closed.

Two semi-detached cottages at Virginstow were closed for human habitation. It is possible that the owner may decide to re-condition these two cottages into one dwelling. If plans are not forthcoming at a fairly early date the Cottages should be demolished.

Repairs.

Six cottages were repaired as a result of informal notices and two after Statutory Notices.

Schools.

The five schools in the district received 19 visits. Brazzaett and St.Giles have satisfactory Water Closets, whilst at Ivy House, Thorne Cross and Lady Cross, pail closets are used.

Lady Cross School was very dirty and in poor repair. After the Council had threatened formal action in the case of this school, the Education Authorities carried out a thorough re-decoration.

Milk (Special Designation) Order.

No new licences were issued under the Milk (Special Designation) Orders. Improvements, including re-laying floors, have been carried out in the case of 5 milking sheds.

Water Samples.

Four samples of water have been analysed and of these, 3 were unsatisfactory. The fourth sample taken at St.Giles Convent School was satisfactory.

To abate the pollution, one informal and two Statutory Notices were served. The water supply at Box's Shop is still not satisfactory.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

T. A. Judd.

Sanitary Inspector.

